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**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1 to 19 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/DE2003/003918.

Please add new claims 20 to 35 as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (new):      A sealing arrangement, comprising:  
at least one first sealing device including an annular seal;  
a second sealing device including a brush seal;  
wherein the first and second sealing devices are placed between axially symmetrical components, and the second sealing device is positioned so as to be axially offset from the first sealing device; and  
wherein the annular seal is a metallic piston-ring seal having a separation site.

Claim 21 (new):      The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20,  
wherein the brush seal is a closed-type brush seal.

Claim 22 (new):      The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20,  
wherein the brush seal has an open-type brush seal.

Claim 23 (new)      The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 22,  
wherein the open-type brush seal is in the form of a split ring.

Claim 24 (new):      The sealing arrangement as recited claim 20,  
wherein the brush seal is a hook-type brush seal.

Claim 25 (new): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20,  
wherein the brush seal includes a plurality of bristle elements.

Claim 26 (new): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 24,  
wherein the bristle elements are wound around a guide element, forming a fixing point,  
and are secured by a clamping element to the guide element.

Claim 27 (new): The sealing arrangement as recited claim 20,  
wherein one end of the the second sealing device is positioned in a recess of a first one of  
the axially symmetrical components.

Claim 28 (new): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 27, wherein the bristle  
elements are wound around a guide element, forming a fixing point, and wherein the  
brush seal is situated in the recess in such a way that the fixing point is positioned in the  
recess of the first one of the axially symmetrical components, and the unattached ends of  
the bristle elements extend toward a second one of the axially symmetrical components.

Claim 29 (new): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 28, wherein the unattached  
ends of the bristle elements engage the second one of the axially symmetrical  
components.

Claim 30 (new): The sealing arrangement as recited claim 25, wherein the bristle elements  
are radially preloaded such that they have a curved shape in the radial direction.

Claim 31 (new): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20,  
wherein, in the axial direction of the axially symmetrical components, the second sealing  
device is directly contiguous to the first sealing device.

Claim 32 (new): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 25,  
wherein the first sealing device forms a supporting plate for the bristle elements of the

second sealing device.

Claim 33 (new): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20, wherein a second one of the axially symmetrical components surrounds a first one of the axially symmetrical components.

Claim 34 (new). The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 33, wherein the second one of the axially symmetrical components is made up of a plurality of segments.

Claim 35 (new): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20, wherein a first one of the axially symmetrical components comprises a housing of a gas turbine, and the second one of the axially symmetrical component includes a guide vane ring of the gas turbine having a plurality of vane segments, the first sealing device and the second sealing device being positioned between the housing and the vane segments in order to seal a gap.